difficulty in ascertaining definitely the exact prices obtaining at different markets on a given day every week.

The location of the Vadakkancheri P. G. School.

58. **Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it or the department received any objections either written or oral regarding the location of the Vadakkancheri Primary Girls' School—

1. from the public,

2. from neighbouring private schools or other private bodies?

Mr. C. Matthai.—No.

The payment for medicines purchased.

59. **Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state, if the supply of medicines generally for a year is paid for out of the allotment under that head for that same year; if not, why not?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—For want of sufficient allotment the yearly supply is not fully paid for during the year.

Medical volunteers.

60. **Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state, how many doctors, nurses, compounders, etc., have been entertained in the hospitals of the State as volunteers, while the S. O. prohibits the entertainment of volunteers by Heads of Departments, and what are their names and qualifications? The Government sanction for entertaining each of them may be kindly quoted.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No qualified doctors, nurses and compounders were entertained in the Hospitals of the State as volunteers in the sense in which the expression is used in the S. O.

A few newly passed out doctors expressed their desire to learn practical work in the General Hospital, Ernakulam, and the Civil Hospital, Trichur, and they were permitted to do so as a matter of professional courtesy. A list showing the names of such persons is appended. (*Vide Appendix XI.*) The first medical man was admitted with the verbal approval of the then Diwan.

No qualified nurses and compounders have been taken as volunteers, but some pupils were taken on for training as nurses and compounders; these were not qualified hands.

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